

MEETING NOTES
US 60 CORRIDOR DEFINITION STUDY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for US 60 Corridor Definition Study for was held.

ATTENDING

Ken Buchanan, Pinal County
Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro – RPTA
Barry Ling, Kirkham Michael
Garry Rice, Kirkham Michael
Ed Stillings, FHWA
Ron Gritman, Apache Junction
Luana Capponi, ASLD
John Lynch, MCDOT
Jermaine R. Hannon, FHWA
Peggy Fiandaca, PSA

Roger Herzog, MAG
Kathy Borquez, Pinal Co. Dept of Public Works
Rudy Esquivias, City of Apache Junction
Dianne Kresich, ADOT TPD
John Pein, ADOT TPD
Andy Smith, ADOT TPD
Pete Lima, Lima & Associates
Cassandra Smith, Lima & Associates

A packet was handed out including the agenda, list of TAC members, scope of work and schedule, and draft public participation plan. The agenda included the following items: Introductions, Issues, Overview of Scope of Work, Roles of TAC Members, Data Availability, Stakeholder Contacts, and Next Meeting.

ISSUES

The attendees were asked to identify study issues. The next page lists identified issues and previous work on US 60.

In addition to the issues listed, John Pein stressed the importance of taking the final report to the November 2005 State Transportation Board Study Session --No later.

OVERVIEW OF SCOPE OF WORK

Pete Lima presented a power point presentation on an overview of the scope of schedule. Key points discussed by the committee include the following:

- It will be important to convey to the public what is the difference between this study and previous studies. We need to have a clear purpose of this study and to be able to address why the previous project was put on hold.
- For the separate stakeholder group meeting with the State Lands Department, all key personnel should be there and commissioners if possible.
- Coordination among the three studies is critical.

- In formulating the vision we must be careful - people may envision one thing but the results show otherwise. We don't want people to have a preconceived idea that the facility will automatically be a state highway.
- The study will use the Southeast Maricopa County/Northern Pinal County Transportation Study (SEMNPTS) as a base. Cambridge Systematics will update socioeconomic data and Lima & Associates will update network data for the region. MAG will be asked to run the traffic assignments. ADOT will coordinate with MAG. Contact will be made with Eric Anderson and Dennis Smith. A letter to Dennis Smith is being prepared to request information and coordination.
- The development of concepts for the termini of the proposed corridors, US 60 Extension and Williams Gateway Freeway, is a key step. Kirkham Michael will lead the development of the termini concepts.
- Public Involvement
 - First Round Public Involvement
 - Mid November-Stakeholders Meeting
 - Mid Dec-Public Forum
 - Second Round Public Involvement
 - Mid July-Stakeholder Meeting and Public Forum
- A question was asked if the first public forum was too soon.
- The schedule for public meetings will be coordinated with the other two studies and dates may change.
- For each open house and stakeholder group meetings, 3 or 4 boards will be prepared by other two study teams for the Williams Gateway Freeway and Pinal County Corridor Definitions Studies.
- Working papers will not be revised; comments on the working papers will be incorporated into the final report.

STAKEHOLDER CONTACTS

- Luana Capponi stressed that the State Land Department needs to be involved and very informed. The Department wants to maximize what we have & maximize the land development. This needs to be addressed early in Project.
- The Gold Canyon Group is active and should be included in the public involvement

ROLES OF THE TAC MEMBERS

- The TAC members will be a point of contact for their respective organizations and will disseminate information to others in their organizations and to their elected officials. TAC members will guide the overall study and review and comment on written documents.
- TAC members were also asked to send a representative if they could not attend meetings.
- The attendees discussed the need for other members of for TAC. Maricopa County Flood Control and the CAP were suggested.

DATA AVAILABILITY

TAC members will be contacted to identify available data.

NEXT MEETING

- The next will be scheduled when some study products will become available probably in early December. Tuesdays and Thursdays are preferable at 10 a.m.

ACTIONS

- TAC members were asked to review and comment on the revised scope of work and schedule. Monday, October 4th is deadline for comments. E-mail comments to both Pete & Andy.
- Lima & Associates will revise the scope and schedule. PSA will coordinate the schedule with the other two Corridor Definition studies.
- ADOT will send a letter to MAG in regard to coordinating the traffic forecasting modeling.
- Lima & Associates will contact TAC members about data availability.

ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY TAC MEMBERS

- Growth- Need facilities
- Need Blueprint before all is bought
- Coordination with other studies – technical, public Involvement, and Project Manager Informed
- Superstition Vista & Lost Dutchman Heights Development
- Apache Junction will be first wave hit with growth
 - Stay ahead
 - Get ROW
 - Documents Done (Avoid Problems)
 - Flood Control
- Coordination & Keeping track of all activities
- Coordination, Enhance & work with what's there instead of working against it.
- MAG Long-Range Transportation Plan does not included transit service beyond Power Rd for transit; RPTA get a lot of requests for service beyond Power Road.
- Flood Control - coordination between this study with existing plans; should be seamless fit.
- US 60 has been identified by Pinal County Board Supervisors as #1 Priority.
- Interconnectivity of Freeways
- Coordination
- Air Quality (AJ in Non-Attainment Area)
- Coordination and engineering has been done, how will that affect this study (There are two previous studies)?
- How will the public view this study, when past work has been put on hold?
- When the study is over, what happens to or how it is related to the engineering work?

PREVIOUS WORK ON US 60

Signal Studies (3)

Kings Ranch Rd, Mountain View, Superstition Mountain Drive

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Alignment

Environmental Work done